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SUBJECT: EXFILTRATION FROM GDR--CASE OF UK SUBJECT
SUSAN BALLANTINE

REF: BONN 19431

1. BRITISH INFORMED ALLIES AND FRG IN BONN GROUP MEETING
FEB 12 THAT UK HAD MADE DEMARCHE ON FEB 6 TO SOVIET
EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER MANNER
IN WHICH BALLANTINE CASE WAS HANDLED BY GDR (REFTEL).
UKBER POLAD DELIVERED ORAL REMARKS TO SOVIET EMBOFF RODIN
ALONG LINES OF AIDE MEMOIRE PASSED EARLIER TO OTHERS IN
BONN GROUP (COPY POUCHED TO EUR/CE FEB 10 AND COPY ALSO
PASSED TO USBER), I.E., CHARGING FAILURE OF GDR TO MEET
ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER TRANSIT TRAFFIC AGREEMENT (TTA)
AND CALLING UPON SOVIETS TO TAKE NECESSARY MEASURES TO
PREVENT SUCH DIFFICULTIES IN THE APPLICATION OF THE TTA
IN THE FUTURE.

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2. RODIN ACCEPTED AIDE MEMOIRE FOR INFORMATION ONLY,

MAINTAINING THAT THE MATTER WAS ONE BETWEEN UK AND GDR. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAD ALREADY BEEN IN TOUCH AND SAW NO REASON TO GET INVOLVED. IN SOVIET VIEW, TTA APPLIED ONLY TO NATIONALS OF FRG AND GDR. COMMENT: THIS IS, OF COURSE, NOT TRUE. SOVIET ATTEMPTS DURING QA NEGOTIATIONS TO GET AGREEMENT ON A NATIONALITY TEST WERE REJECTED. END COMMENT.

3. UK REP (CROMARTIE) REPEATED REQUEST MADE AT EARLIER BONN GROUP MEETING THAT FRG MAKE SUPPORTING NOISES ON BALLANTINE CASE IN FRG/GDR TRANSIT COMMISSION. FRG REP (LUECKING) RESPONDED THAT HE HAD SENT LETTER ONE WEEK AGO TO HEAD OF FRG DELEGATION ASKING THAT POSITIVE CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO UK REQUEST.
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